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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This communication is responsive to the Final Office Action dated August 16th, 2006.

Please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this document.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 6 of this document.

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